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## MINUTES July 20, 2011

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GUESTS			
Nichole Bosson	Harbor-UCLA	Brian Ranger	Priority One
Jaime Garcia	HASC	Don Mills	Long Beach Fire Dept
Kristine Cash	APCC	Kevin Costa	Pasadena Fire
Robert Barnes	LAC Police Chiefs	Sean English	Pasadena Fire
Roy Sweerman	Priority One		

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

## CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Austin, at 1:22 p.m. in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. A quorum was declared.

## INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.

## CONSENT CALENDAR:

**M/S/C: Commissioner Binch/Snyder to approve all items on the Consent Calendar excluding items 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.10, and 2.11 which were held for discussion by individual request.**

Following comment/discussion on items 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.10, and 2.11, these items were placed back to the Consent Calendar for adoption.

**M/S/C: Commissioner Mosack/Pratt to approve items 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.10, and 2.11 on the Consent Calendar.**

## **5. BUSINESS (Old Business)**

### **5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives**

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*  
Ms. Chidester reported that there had been no movement on 5150 detainees by law enforcement and that she would contact Mark Delgado's office to request an updated report.
- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*  
Ms. Chidester reported that the draft ordinance has been completed and is in the hands of Contracts and Grants. It is expected to go to the Board of Supervisors sometime in late September.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*  
A DHS July 18, 2011 memo to the Board of Supervisors was distributed for information. Attached to the report was a schedule of the program's enrollment and claim data for FY 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to date. At the request of the Commission this item will remain on the agenda as no report until the next status report to the Board of Supervisors is received.

**Action: Retain Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) on the Agenda as a no report item until the next status report to the Board of Supervisors is received.**

**Responsibility: EMS Agency**

### **5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee**

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director, EMS Agency reported that the Pediatric Advisory Committee met on June 14, 2011. The Committee discussed Bylaws and Membership. Member term limit and alternate positions of the Committee was extensively discussed as well as identifying a representative of the Committee to the Base Hospital Advisory Committee. The Committee will meet again in September. A final draft of the Bylaws will be presented to the EMSC for approval following the Committee's September meeting.

### **5.3 Chapter 13 Task Force/AB210 (Solorio)**

Ms. Chidester reported that AB210 (copy of the June 29 amended version of the Bill distributed) has caused a lot of confusion and is being reviewed and constituent groups are providing their comments. It is moving quickly through committees but moving slowly through constituent groups such as Cal Chiefs, California Professional Fire Fighters, League of Cities, AMR, California Ambulance Association as well as EMSAAC. Ms. Chidester stated that it was intended that .201 Rights be phased out and cities be integrated into the EMS system. As AB 210 moves forward, several questions have come up such as what is in a contract, annexation, operational control, and exclusivity. The bill is expected to come back to the Senate Floor in early September. EMS and other constituents want to make sure the Bill does not have a negative impact on the EMS system.

The State EMS Authority's Chapter 13 Task Force was developed to review the Health and Safety Code and develop regulations through consensus to clarify sections of the H&S Code. Ms. Chidester and Commissioner David Austin both serve on the Task Force. The Chapter 13 task force is continuing to meet while at the same time AB 210 (Solorio) is moving through the legislature. AB 210 is intended to clarify issues related

to sections 1797.201 and 1797.224 of the Health and Safety Code. Both the task force and the bill are being closely followed.

#### **5.4 Department of Mental Health/Psychiatric Mobile Response Team-Response to Hospital Emergency Rooms**

Mr. Jaime Garcia, Vice President, Hospital Association of Southern California gave a brief overview on his coordination with the Department of Mental Health. New procedural guidelines have been put in place by the Department of Mental Health when Psychiatric Emergency Teams respond to ERs.

#### **5.5 Update-EMS Plan for Improvement**

Ms. Chidester gave a status report on the EMS Agency's work on the Objectives of the EMS Commission's Plan for Improvement. An updated matrix of the Objectives was distributed which reflected actions taken. Completed Objectives were:

Administration/Governance:

- Understanding the role of the Base Hospital is important for paramedics and MICNs working in the system: **Information on the history and role of the base hospital, were incorporated in EMS Update 2011 (Complete 2011).**
- Improve ReddiNet system: **The EMS Agency continues to work with ReddiNet, hospitals, and provider agencies to enhance the product and its uses. This is an on-going activity (Complete 2010).**

Clinical Care:

- First-responders not recognized as AED providers should be able to utilize a Public Access Device and should have widespread AED availability in our EMS system. **The EMS Agency will support and advocate for changes to the regulations that will increase the use and availability of AEDs. (Remove 2011)**
- Evidence based protocols for BLS and ALS while ensuring appropriate resource utilization: **The EMS Agency will support and encourage research and emphasize appropriate division of resources devoted to BLS/ALS. Ongoing. EMS Agency Medical Director ensures changes and updates to protocols are based on literature, research and or supporting data.**
  - **Research, data and literature based practice is standard to review by EMS Agency Medical Director to determine policy and procedure (Complete 2010)**
- SFTP appear to work in the large majority of cases and reduce the number of MICNs, thus decreasing stress on Base Hospital staffing. SFTPs require an effective on-going QA/QI plan to evaluate patient outcome to ensure the paramedics are applying the appropriate protocol to the right patient: **The EMS Agency will continue to work with LA Area Fire Chiefs stated goal of implementing SFTPs system wide and encourage a comprehensive integrated data collection system to capture timely prehospital data, including patient outcome data. (Complete 2010)**
  - **Three provider agencies added as SFTP providers in 2009-2010**
  - **Letter mailed to providers encouraging participation in the SFTP program June 2011**

Equipment:

- Update and improve the paramedic communications system: **The EMS Agency will convene the Communications Management Committee and submit a Scope of Work document for proposals for system evaluation and**

recommendations. Recommendations for system changes will be brought to the EMS Commission. *(Complete 2010)*

- Communications committee met and reviewed the Scope of Work. The project was awarded to ISD in October 2009.
- Communications evaluation by ISD 4/26/10
- Grant award for 1 million dollars
- Report to the EMS Commission 7/21/10

Ed/Training Provider:

- Mandatory Field Care Audits for paramedics: **The EMS Agency will support changes to the State regulation or policy that would improve paramedic participation in field care audits. *(Complete 2011)***
  - Will continue to incorporate tapes in to mandatory EMS Update training
- The health and well being of our first responders is vital to our EMS System:
  - **The EMS Agency will work with Public Health and provider agencies to ensure access to medications, PPE, and information to mitigate health risks of EMS providers. *(Complete 2010)***

Public Education:

- Expand flu vaccine and prevention program: **The EMS Agency will coordinate with providers and Public Health to encourage flu clinics at fire stations, hygiene outreach campaigns. *(Complete 2009)***

Following Ms. Chidester's report, Commissioner Binch recommended incorporating the Objectives into the Agenda of future meetings, re-categorizing some tasks, and finally eliminating those that are completed or irrelevant.

**M/S/C: Commissioner Snyder/Washburn that the EMS Agency continues to maintain and track the objectives on a separate list.**

**M/S/C: Commissioner Washburn/Pratt to remove the completed items from the matrix.**

**(New Business)**

#### **5.6 EMSC Annual Report – 2010/2011**

The EMSC Annual Report to the Board, for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, was distributed to the Commissioners. Ms. Chidester stated that the report would be going to the Board of Supervisors later in the week. Marilyn Rideaux was commended for preparing the report.

#### **6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Commissioner Binch wished everyone a relaxing summer vacation.

#### **7. LEGISLATION**

The 7/13/11 EMSAAC Legislative Report was distributed. There was no further discussion on AB 210. AB 861 (Hill) California Stroke Registry, AB 881 (Cook) Mental health: involuntary commitment: transportation, and SB 359 (Hernandez) MediCal: ground ambulance rates are of special interest according to Ms. Chidester.

## **8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The State EMS Authority sponsors an award program to honor EMS heroes called "Send Me Your Hero." This is fairly new and the awards are presented in December at the State EMS Commission meeting. The EMS Agency would like to submit an entry from Los Angeles County EMS community this year. Nominations must be received by the EMS Authority by September 20, 2011 this year.
- Los Angeles County Fire sponsored an Engine 51 event on Saturday, July 16 at Station 51 which inspired the show "Emergency." The event was well attended and there is an article related to the event in JEMS magazine.
- The Ambulance Ordinance was passed by the Board of Supervisors and will be effective July 28, 2011. All ambulance companies doing business in Los Angeles County will have to obtain a County business license. The private ambulance companies and the Ambulance Association were commended for supporting the ordinance changes.
- EMS Agency worked closely with other entities during "carmaggedon" to survive the 405 freeway closure.
- The EMS Agency has a new EMS Fellow, Nicole Bosson, M.D., who will be with the Agency for two years.
- Cathy Chidester presented a certificate and a gift card to Commissioner John Luo in appreciation of his years of service to the Commission.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C: Commissioners Washburn/Snyder to adjourn to the meeting of July 20, 2011.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm to the meeting of September 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:                    September 21, 2011  
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
EMS Agency  
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